Setting up of tin-metal project in Bhubaneshwar

2577. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up the tin-metal project of IPICOL in Bhubaneshwar;

(b) whether Government have made any Geological Survey for this project;

(c) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to change the location of this project to other Districts; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) A Letter of Intent was issued to M|s. Industrial Promotion & Investment Corporation of Orissa Limited (IPICOL) for the manufacture of 200 tonnes of tin-metal per annum at Tehsil Bhubaneshwar, District Puri in the State of Orissa.

(b) The Geological Survey of India and the State Mining and Geology Directorate have conducted investigations for tin-ore in Koraput District.

(c) and (d) M|s. IPICOL applied for a change of location of the project from Bhubaneshwar Tehsil (District Puri) to Choudwar Tehsil in District Cuttack since the State Prevention & Control of Pollution Board objected to the implementation of the project near Bhubaneshwar which is a place of archaeological monuments. The change of location has since been approved.

Allotment of Rice to Orissa

2578. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reduced the allotment of Rice to the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the amount allotted in 1987-88; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to face the scarcity of rice in the State due to drought?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Recently, the allocations of the rice for public distribution system to various States|UTs including Orissa have been rationalized taking into account the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of various States, market availability and other related factors. In the case of Orissa, the allotment of rice for the months of February, 1988 and March 1988 has been made at the rate of 20,000 tonnes a month as against 10,000 tonnes in the corresponding months last year. The Government of Orissa has been allotted 2.95 lakh tonnes of rice for public distribution system in 1987-88.

(c) The allocation of rice to Orissa in 1987-88 has been 1.25 lakh tonnes more than the allocation in 1986-87.

Handing over of 44 colonies to the MCD

2579. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 44 resettlement colonies in the capital were to be landed over to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi by the Delhi Development Authority in January, 1988;

(b) if so, whether these colonies have since been handed over to the MCD;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action is being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) It has been decided that the maintenance of 44 resettlement colonies in the